

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Dabney for conducting a telephone interview with Applicant's Representatives, Scott Gallert and Kristi Kuhnert, on October 5, 2007.

During the interview, Applicant's Representatives submitted that the cited references failed to disclose, teach, or suggest certain elements of each of Applicant's independent claims. Additionally, without conceding the propriety of the rejections and in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant's Representatives discussed proposed amendments for clarification.

The Examiner was receptive to the proposal of incorporating language clarifying features of the weather guard. Applicant's Representatives understood the Examiner to agree that the cited reference lacks features of each of the independent claims as amended.

Applicant herein amends each of the independent claims as discussed during the interview. Accordingly, the pending claims are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons discussed during the interview.